

REMARKS

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-9, 11, 12 and 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over various combinations of patents. Applicants note that the Final Office Action does not include any substantive basis for the rejection of claim 13 (as indicated in the Office Action Summary). However, based on the foregoing amendments, this lack of substantive basis with respect to claim 13 is now irrelevant.

Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2, 6, 9 and 15-21. Dependent claims 3-5, 7, 9 and 11-13 now depend, ultimately, from allowed claim 10. Accordingly, the rejections in the Final Office Action are moot or obviated and all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants note, that the foregoing amendments are made without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application.

Conclusion

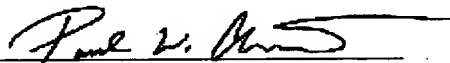
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly request notification to that effect. A request for a one-month extension of time and authorization for a credit card charge of \$120 to cover the cost of the request is enclosed. No other fees are believed to be due at this time. However, if necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3521, referencing attorney docket number 0033-081001.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (360-930-3533) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

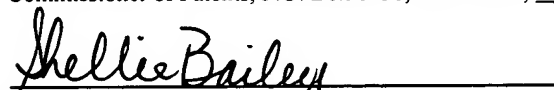
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